

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF SAVOY

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.

SOUTH ADAMS, MASS.

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REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF SAVOY:

In conformity with the established custom requiring the Selectmen to report annually to the Town its financial condition and the manner in which the officers have discharged the duties imposed upon them, we have the honor to submit the following report:

SCHOOLS.

In relation to public schools, the Statutes of this Commonwealth have divested the Selectmen of the several towns of the management and control of this important public interest, and have placed the same in the hands of school committees, with power to appoint a superintendent if the town shall so determine. We mention this only to relieve ourselves of all responsibility in relation to this subject, and let it remain with the constituted authorities to whom it belongs. We would not fail to mention, however, that our schools the past year are universally regarded as a success, and, perhaps we might say, beyond the reach of criticism, except in the matter of expenditure, and here we think there might be retrenchment in some respects, without impairing materially the progress of education; yet we do not wish to particularize, but to report in detail the annual expenditure, and leave the matter to your sound and impartial judgment to decide, after a few remarks in regard to boarding of teachers, which we find from bills presented to be very unequal, the prices varying from about twenty-five cents to fifty-seven cents per day. We would recommend that the town establish a more uniform price of board, and also a more uniform price of Teachers.

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Dist. No. 1.	Paid Lucy G. Burt, one term,	\$ 42 00
	Francis Colman, one term,	30 00
	Amasa Harrington for board,	22 50
	" " for wood,	10 00
Dist. No. 2.	Ella M. Wilks, two terms,	87 00
	A. & M. Deming for wood,	8 00
	" " for board,	25 90
Dist. No. 4.	Eulora M. Thatcher, one term,	54 00
	William H. Wariner, 13 days,	13 00

	Due Ella Lillie, one term,	60 00
	Charles Dunham for wood,	7 45
	Horace Polly for board,	15 36
	B. M. Burlingame for board,	28 31
Dist. No. 5.	Paid Susan E. Tyrrell, one term.	50 00
	F. C. Bourn, one term,	90 00
	Joseph Sherman for board,	18 00
	A. B. Perkins for wood,	7 50
Dist. No. 6.	Addie C. Wing, one term,	45 00
	Z. E. Kemp, four months,	100 00
	Leona Stohlman for wood,	9 90
Dist. No. 7.	Ella Lillie, two terms,	108 00
	Elbridge Ingraham for board and carrying teacher in stormy weather,	60 00
	Charles Codding for wood,	8 00
Dist. No. 8.	A. M. Carpenter, two terms,	108 00
	S. W. Bates for board,	60 00
	S. W. Bates repairing school house,	2 00
Dist. No. 9.	Ida J. Haskins, two terms including board,	159 00
	Joseph W. Haskins for wood,	6 00
		\$1,233 92

*SCHOOL BILLS PAID WHICH WERE DUE PREVIOUS TO MAR.
8th, 1875.*

Dist. No. 8.	Paid N. E. Goff for wood,	\$15 00
1.	Belle E. Starks, one term,	30 00
	Amasa Harrington wood and board,	19 49
9.	Julia Hartwell, one term,	60 00
8.	James Cornell for board,	2 00
7.	Albert M. Starks for wood,	12 00
		\$138 49

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Dist. No. 1.	By Amasa Harrington, Surveyor,	\$152 96
2.	Mark Deming,	86 44
3.	F. C. Bourn,	91 25
4.	Horace Polly,	137 64
5.	Lyman Molton,	125 68
6.	James Cain,	75 22
7.	Elbridge Ingraham,	200 41
8.	Charles Maranville,	323 81

9.	Urbane Maynard,	"	130 25
10.	Albert Maynard,	"	129 01
11.	Calvin G. Miller,	"	63 48
12.	W. W. Burnett,	"	61 71
13.	E. D. Codding,	"	55 02
14.	Jonathan Raymond,	"	24 17
15.	Darius Maynard,	"	76 34
16.	Ethan C. Maynard,	"	85 66

\$1819 05

*HIGHWAY BILLS PAID WHICH WERE DUE PREVIOUS TO
LAST SETTLEMENT.*

Paid Lewis Goff,	\$ 1 50
Amasa Harrington,	25 60
James A. Cornell,	8 50
John Tubs,	6 00
A. & M. Deming,	144 36
F. C. Bourn,	5 95
James Cain,	5 61
Alfred W. Burnett,	11 50
Levi Martin,	40 93
N. B. Baker,	5 00
Caleb Bridges,	92 82
William Bliss,	1 50
	\$349 27

**THE REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE
POOR.**

The duties appertaining to this office are highly important, yet extremely embarrassing and intricate to discharge. While we would cheerfully relieve all such poor and indigent persons as are found in need within the town, with hearts of sympathy for their unfortunate condition, yet to discriminate whether at all times the case in hand is or is not truly meritorious, is many times a troublesome task; and also, whether relief sought should be granted. We have endeavored to take that course which appeared to be best at the time, but in some instances we should have done different if we had known the future.

PAUPER EXPENSES.

The amount paid and due April 10th for paupers bid off by the following named persons:

J. C. Blanchard for Thomas Jostling,	\$155 00
" " Joel Lenard family,	235 00
Simon Barden for Ahira Lenard,	140 00
Mariah Coddling for Hannah Estes,	111 00
John Fuller for Julia Edwards,	98 00
	\$739 00

The following is the amount which has been paid and will be due to date for the past year :

Paid John H. Fairfield for keeping Mary J. Fairfield and child,	\$ 20 00
M. A. Bowen, medical attendance,	8 00
Joseph Mattis for Fairfield child,	10 00
C. Richmond for coffin,	15 00
John Robertson for Fairfield child,	72 50
P. Earle for Wm. Wing,	102 73
S. W. Allis for Wm. Wing,	9 75
" " " Mrs. Wm. Wing,	8 00
E. M. Martin for Wm. Wing,	4 25
On account of Peter Furgerson,	26 40
Otis Maynard for Harriet Tilton,	4 00
Alvin Haskins " "	19 50
M. A. Bowen, medical attendance for Harriet Tilton.	1 50
Clothing for Harriet Tilton,	3 90
A. G. Wells for labor and taking care of Wm. Proud,	62 45
N. E. Goff for provisions for Proud,	10 66
S. T. Haskins for labor for Proud,	5 50
James Cornell for drawing wood for Proud,	2 94
M. A. Bowen, medical attendance for Proud,	19 25
Allen Davis, drawing wood for Proud,	1 00
Lydia Bliss, washing for Proud,	2 70
John T. Phelps for Edward Sturtevant,	26 00
	\$436 03

Paid N. E. Goff for provisions for George Orcutt and family,	\$15 40
Mr. Orcutt's bill is due from the Town of Adams.	
We have furnished Holder Wayland with provisions and wood to the amount of	\$87 62
We have received for hay,	60 00
Leaving a balance due the Town,	\$27 62
Mr. Wayland wishes to let the Town have what he has and let it go as far as it will for his support.	

We would say we have paid out for the burial of William Ingraham \$22, which bill we have sent in to the administrator, which he has accepted and agreed to pay.

THE AMOUNT PAID FOR PAUPERS DUE APRIL 10th 1875 FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

Paid Susan Sreaves,	\$150 00
J. C. Blanchard,	274 75
Fanny P. Edwards,	30 00
Lewis Goff,	63 32
Joseph W. Haskins for Judith Schuyler,	33 75
Caleb Bridges for moving Judith Schuyler,	5 00
	\$556 82

STATE AID.

Paid John T. Phelps,	\$120 00
Orpha C. Meacham,	48 00
Fanny P. Edwards,	48 00
	\$216.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES.

Paid E. L. Mason, two days going to Boston,	\$ 4 00
" to Adams for coffin,	1 00
" making highway limits,	2 00
" taking valuation,	4 00
" making taxes,	8 00
" going to Mattices twice,	2 00
" making pauper returns,	2 00
" going to John Miricks for bridge timber,	75
" going to sell bridge,	1 50
" going to accept bridge and Barton's road,	1 50
" going to Northampton to see about Wing,	6 00
" making warrants,	1 00
" going to Proud's,	50
" going to Maynard's,	1 00
" going to see about Mrs. Wing and family,	6 25
" going to Jourdeville,	1 00
" going to Adams to see Tax Commissioners,	3 00
" making returns in regard to valuation,	4 00
" running Town lines,	7 00
" making State Aid returns,	2 00
" settling with Treasurer,	2 00

N. E. Goff for taking valuation,	7 00
" making taxes,	8 00
" making pauper returns,	2 00
" seeing bridge and Barton's road,	1 50
" writing warrants,	1 00
" going to Proud's,	50
" going to Mattices,	1 00
" going to Jourdeville,	1 00
" going to Whatley and Boston,	5 00
" making returns in regard to valuation,	2 00
" serving as treasurer and collector,	50 00
Caleb Bridges for taking valuation,	10 00
" one half day in regard to poor,	1 00
" making taxes,	8 00
" selling bridge,	1 50
" accept of bridge and see Barton's road,	1 50
" going to see about filling around bridge,	75
A. R. Tyrrell for posting warrants and notifying Town officers,	4 95
David Ingraham for going to Adams with representative votes and serving as Town Clerk and recording births, deaths and marriages, postage, express, etc.	26 24
John T. Phelps, treasurer and collector for 1874,	50 00
A. M. Carpenter, school committee,	8 25
Mark Deming, making report and going to get the same printed for 1875.	7 35
William Reed, making report,	5 00
Caleb Bridges, making report,	5 00
	\$269 04

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Alfred Burnett for driving hearse,	\$20 00
E. L. Mason expenses to Boston,	10 45
" express on valuation books,	35
" time and expense to Springfield on Fairfield case,	9 50
E. L. Mason, four times to Adams,	5 50
" George M. Stearns,	3 00
" H. J. Bliss,	5 00
" A. J. Waterman,	30 00
Amasa Harrington for digging grave and shovelling out tomb,	4 00

Postage, stationery and express,	2 00
N. E. Goff, going to Pittsfield in Fairfield case,	3 00
" " Adams " "	1 00
" expenses to Whatley and Boston,	12 80
" cash to Louisa Hathaway,	1 00
Caleb Bridges, going to Adams in Fairfield case,	1 00
" keeping thirty-six tramps,	18 55
James B. Maynard, fixing hearse,	2 50
Robinson & Son, printing school report,	5 00
J. C. Angell, printing Town Report,	15 00
William Bliss for coffin,	24 00
E. D. Mariam for valuation blanks,	2 50
S. Keeland for printing blanks,	2 00
	\$178 15

INTEREST.

Paid Julia A. Hartwell,	\$ 1 78
Ella Lillie,	38
Ida J. Haskins,	2 12
Addie Wing,	1 35
A. M. Carpenter,	67
Belle Starks,	1 06
James Mason,	12 40
Cyrus Bourn,	19 54
Leonard McCulloch,	30 33
Eunice Pierce,	16 52
Joseph W. Haskins,	97 00
A. & M. Deming,	41 00
E. L. Mason,	3 06
J. C. Blanchard,	3 28
	\$135 06

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. E. Goff in account with the Town of Savoy for the year ending March 1st, 1876.	
Cash on hand,	\$ 34 83
Reimbursement of State Aid,	272 00
National Bank Tax,	40 47
State Treasurer School Fund,	226 26
Rec'd of John T. Phelps on tax bills,	1080 43
" on tax bills of 1875,	2385 18

Report.

" Charles T. Nims, J. A Coombs' lot,	28 80
" of Selectmen,	768 97
	\$4836 94
Paid State Tax,	\$ 500 00
County Tax,	641 24
Interest,	135 06
Town Orners as per list,	3317 07
Cash on hand,	243 57
	\$4836 94

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

Balance in Treasury,	\$ 243 45
Due the Town on Notes,	794 52
" on Tax Bills of 1872,	38 08
" " " 1873,	5 26
" " " 1874,	29 39
" " " 1875,	2089 12
Town Safe,	75 00
State Aid due from State,	252 00
Due from the Town of Adams for schooling,	50 10
" " " for support of Orcutt,	15 40
" " William Ingraham's family estate.	22 00
" " County Treasurer, dog fund,	56 68
	\$3727 68

LIABILITIES.

Out-Standing Orders,	\$4050 31
Due for Paupers bid off to the 10th of April, 1876,	401 10
	\$4451 41
Liabilities exceed resources,	\$723 73

We would recommend that the Town raise the sum of \$800 for schools, \$1500 for highways and \$2000 to defray the expenses of the ensuing year. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. L. MASON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CALEB BRIDGES,	
N. E. GOFF,	

of
Savoy.